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OUTLINES.

In a head-on collision of trains on the Southern railroad in Illinois seven persons were killed and ten injured. —— The California airship Arrow made a successful flight at Los Angeles, Cal. —— General military plans in Japan are enormous; it is planned to give Marshal Oyama a total of a half million men. —— Steamship Colorado at New York damaged by fire, about $20,000. —— White farmer found murdered at his home near Hawkinsville, Ga. —— U. S. cruiser Atlanta has arrived at Newport News. —— A powder mill explosion near Halifax, N. S., caused considerable damage, but no one was killed or seriously injured. —— Scouting party near Mukden surprised Japanese, killing about one hundred. —— Man arrested at Radford, Va., charged with murdering his wife and adopted son and burning his home to conceal the crime. —— In an affray at Dublin, Ga., two men had their throats cut. —— Chapel at the Sailors' Snug Harbor, Staten Island, burned; loss $75,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 49; 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum 47 degrees; mean 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.68 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—For North Carolina: Rain Tuesday; Wednesday fair in the interior; rain on the coast; decidedly colder Wednesday; brisk east winds.

Port Almanac—December 26,

Sun Rises..... 7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets..... 4.52 P. M.
Day's Length..... 9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport... 11.30 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington. 1.50 P. M.

A Northern preacher declares that a young girl's parents should remain in the parlor while her sweetheart is courting her. A custom like that would make the "old folks" see sights.

Gas Addicks has evidently had a pleasant Christmas. He has no doubt read Tom Lawson's "frenzied finance" articles and thus learned that he has plenty of company in the land shark business.

Col. Tom Lawson admits that some years ago he kept Gas Addicks from committing suicide. This confession of wrong doing probably indicates that Lawson's conscience has hurt him for cheating the coroner out of a fee.

Santa Claus has reason to believe that some Wilmington kids have awfully big feet. The fact is they hung up stockings out of all proportion to the size of their little feet.

Colonel William J. Bryan says the Wall street sharks are a favored class. Sure! Just think what a favor it is for Lawson to make his attacks in a monthly magazine instead of in a daily newspaper.

"What shall I give you for the new year?" remarked a Wilmington man to his wife. "Any thing but a song and dance," she replied. That broke his heart for he hadn't exhausted his stock during the old year.

"Merry Christmas," said the iceman as he waited at the door for a present because he had always been prompt. That was cool, but the milkman came later and assumed the attitude of a captian of finance who had never watered his stock.

Says the Washington Post: "Judge Swayne would doubtless feel better about it if he were assured of the support of the Senators who draw mileage and travel on passes." This appeared in the Post's levity column but Senators will please take the joke seriously.

The Smoot investigation has shown that it is a custom for a Mormon to be married to a half dozen or more women who are in their graves. A ceremony like that shocks the country, but probably that kind of matrimony is necessary to help a Mormon keep up his spirits.

The rebels in Samar, Philippine Islands, have ambushed and killed a United States lieutenant and thirty-seven of our enlisted men. The enemy should be notified that the war is over and that they have been benevolently assimilated long time ago. At least that is what the Republican spell-binders were wont to tell us.

Mr. A. G. Haskins Wrote the Poem.

In the STAR on Christmas day we published a very pretty poem entitled "Christ's Natal Day." We regret that a typographical error made the author "A. G. Hallas," whereas, it should have been "A. G. Haskins," a highly esteemed Wilmingtonian. This item serves the purpose of making the correction and give us the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Haskins upon his poetic gift. His poem was a really beautiful one for both its metric construction and rythmic versification. Mr. Haskins writes genuine poetry, though many will be surprised to learn that he courts the Muses.

TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

A change has been made in the city circulation department of THE MORNING STAR by which Mr. W. McD. Evans, formerly City Agent, retires and is succeeded by Mr. A. B. Cowan.

From and after this date no one is authorized to receipt for either future or past due subscriptions except Mr. Cowan without written authority from the proprietor.

The change must necessarily result in some confusion; and we trust our city subscribers will aid us by reporting all irregularities and failures in the delivery of their papers.

Under the new system we have adopted we can safely promise a greatly improved service.

The city circulation of THE MORNING STAR is now larger than at any previous period since it was established, more than 37 years ago; and with changes and improvements contemplated we confidently look for a large increase in the near future.

Dec. 25, 1904.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The revenue cutter Seminole will leave port to-day at noon for a cruise up the North Carolina coast.

— Fayetteville has a very small police force, but the little squad seems to be powerful shifty. There's something doing in "police circles" every day.

— The Ernest F. Hines Co. remembered the horse editor with a Christmas bunch of very nice bananas. This was opportune, as the h. e. had nothing for dinner but a spare rib that was true to its name.

— The merry masqueraders were out in full force last night. This has long been a holiday custom in Wilmington, and the boys and girls make a merry pastime of it. Yesterday Chief of Police John J. Furlong licensed about a dozen "cooner" parties.

— At 8:30 o'clock Sunday evening Frances Sampson, colored, residing at Sixth and Queen streets, had a stroke of paralysis. She was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where she died yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Macadam Roadway Being Continued on Fifth Street to the New Bridge.

Capt. J. M. Woolard and his city street force is laying a macadam roadway on Fifth street from Red Cross street to the new bridge. This is a notable improvement, and when the macadam is continued from the bridge to Nixon street, it will make a handsome drive way from Castle street in the southern part of the city to Nixon street in the northern section.

Among the street improvements to be completed in a few days is the octagonal cement block pavements soon to be laid at Front and Princess streets around the Bear building, the pavement on the north side of Princess street along the city hall park, and a similar pavement in front of Mr. C. B. Mahler's new double residence building on Fourth street between Walnut and Red Cross streets.

Painful Toy Pistol Accident.

Master Grey Hicks, ten years old, son of Mr. R. W. Hicks, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon at his father's home, South Third street. He owns a toy pistol and had in his pocket a box of nitro-glycerine caps or wafers which are used with the pistol to make a noise similar to the report of a gun. While the lad was standing in front of the fire place, with his right hand in his pocket, the box of caps exploded, badly burning and lacerating his hand and severely burning his thigh. Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy gave him attention and we are glad to learn that the little fellow is getting along quite well.

Blows Up With a Cracker.

Yesterday Johnny Biddle, the little son of Register of Deeds W. H. Biddle, was severely injured while he was firing some cannon crackers at his father's home, on the Federal Point road, about five miles south of the city. He placed the cracker in a tomatoe can and before he could get away it exploded and hurled the can upward. It struck him in the forehead, cutting a gash three inches in length to the bone. He was badly but not seriously injured. Dr. J. T. Seconwald went down and sewed up the gash.

Obsequies of Mrs. Kenly.

The obsequies of Mrs. John R. Kenly, who passed away suddenly at 8 o'clock Saturday night, will take place at 11 o'clock this morning at the residence, 405 South Third street. The interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Vann—Havana cigars.
Mercer & Evans Co.—Footwear.
Academy of Music—Lyric Stock Co.
Academy of Music—Announcement.
Wilmington Business College—Wanted.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Employment.
Wanted—Man or woman.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS.

A Number of Shooting Scrapes and Other Happenings in the Suburbs of the City.

PROBABLE MURDER AT HILTON

Boy Dangerously Shot in Brooklyn—A Negro Man Seriously Injured in a Fight—A Mulatto Girl's Head Cut—Other Notes.

Apparently Christmas was the quietest Wilmington has seen for many years. As a matter of course it was quiet on Sunday and the record at the station house for the day was two arrests for disorderly conduct. The list of arrests on Christmas eve footed up eighteen and yesterday and last night the record was fifteen and still growing at last accounts.

Apparently it was a dull Christmas, for down town the stores were closed and most of the day it was as quiet as Sunday. Elsewhere in the city, however, there was something doing, and the list of serious scrapes grew apace, judging from the admissions to the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

PROBABLE MURDER.

Yesterday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock Chief of Police John J. Furlong received a telephone message from Hilton bridge informing him that a negro was lying beside the railroad track with a bullet hole in him.

The patrol wagon was sent out and the wounded man was found lying beside the railroad track, a few feet from the east end of the bridge and just opposite the Clarendon Waterworks. He was sent to the James Walker Memorial Hospital where Dr. Ackerman examined the wound. The man gave his name as William Hooper, and a bullet wound was found under the left nipple near the heart. The ball entered the cavity and the wound was of such a serious nature that it could not be probed very deeply. The ball was not found. His condition is serious and his chances of life are slim.

When Chief Furlong heard of Hooper's serious condition he dispatched Sergeant Geo. H. Ward to the hospital to take his statement under oath. Hooper stated that about 1 o'clock he was crossing Hilton bridge, going to the west side, when a negro named Frank Murphy, came up behind him and said: "Where are you going?" "Going over here" Hooper replied, and without another word, Murphy pulled a pistol, shot him down, and ran on over the bridge, going in the direction of Navassa. Hooper states that he had no recent difficulty with Murphy, but about three years ago, Murphy got mad with him about a girl who is now in New York. This is Hooper's slim tale, but it is believed the shooting occurred over a crap game on the west side of North East river where the negro gamblers resort to gamble. At last accounts Hooper was still alive but with very little prospects of his surviving his wound. Besides the bullet wound he also had an ugly gash on his cheek.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Yesterday at 6:30 A. M., John Mills, colored, aged 22, was shot through the right leg just above the knee. A 32 calibre bullet passed clean through the leg. He was taken to the hospital where the wound was dressed and the patient discharged. He stated that he was accidentally shot, in the neighborhood of Seventh and Dock streets, while some one in a crowd of Christmas rollickers was handling a pistol.

BOY DANGEROUSLY SHOT.

Another admission to the hospital yesterday morning was Geo. M. Holden, colored, aged 12 years. He had a dangerous wound in the abdomen, a 32 calibre bullet having struck the abdominal wall and lodged just above the hip, where it was extracted. The boy says he and some other boys were playing in Brooklyn, and while another boy was "fooling" with a pistol it went off.

SMASHED IN THE FACE WITH A BRICK.

At 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning Isham Mack, a negro man, reported at the hospital with a broken nose and a big gash on his lower jaw. He was badly hurt, but after receiving treatment he was discharged. He stated that he got into a fight with a man at Third and Red Cross streets and was hit in the face with a brick.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT WITH A PITCHER.

Last night about 6.30 o'clock Policeman Alex. Wells came across Gussie Dunbar, a mulatto girl about 20 years of age, at Third and Ann streets, drunk and bleeding profusely from a terrible gash in the left temple. The girl was dazed and bloody as a hog, and was taken to the station house and thence went to the hospital. She states that at 6 o'clock last evening she went to the house of Mary Susan Dobberson, on Ninth street between Red Cross and Walnut, with whom she had been engaged last week in doing some laundry work. She knocked on the door and said "Miss Mary Sue," here's poor Willie at the door to see you." Mary Sue opened the door and being "full as a goat" drew back with a pitcher and struck Gussie a terrible blow in the left temple, cutting a ragged wound to the bone. The pitcher was smashed and with blood streaming from her wound Gussie wandered about till officer Wells met her a mile or more from the scene of the assault.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Zach Simmons, colored, was assaulted and robbed Saturday night at Fifth and Taylor streets. He says another negro held him up and struck him in the head with a sling-shot or something else calculated to knock a man out, and that while he was unconscious he was robbed of $8 in cash. Simmons was found in his house yesterday morning, near the scene of the robbery, and was sent to the hospital. His skull was fractured, but he is improving.

SHOT TWICE IN THE HEAD.

Yesterday afternoon in a row on Bladen street between Sixth and Seventh streets, some negroes had a row and one of them used a pistol. One man got shot in the head in two places but fortunately the wounds were not serious. The names of the negroes could not be learned.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

Young Mr. Gordon Grant, Who Was Injured on Railroad Saturday, Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

Deep grief was felt in the city yesterday when the sad news came by wire from Goldsboro that young Mr. Gordon Grant died yesterday morning at 8:05 o'clock of the injuries he received on the Atlantic Coast Line, at Dudley, near Goldsboro, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The STAR on Sunday told of the accident, and that his father, Capt. R. O. Grant, had gone to Goldsboro to be with his son. He never regained consciousness after having been knocked from the top of the caboose car.

The remains were brought home last evening at 6 o'clock, and it was an extremely sad occasion for the family and friends of the young man in the midst of this festive week for others. The young man was the first of his father's family to die, and he was always so cheerful and genial that it is all the more distressing that he has been snatched away by violence. He made friends of everybody and there is universal sorrow over his untimely death. There is the most profound sympathy for his bereaved parents and the other members of the family, consisting of two brothers and sister, Mr. Willie H. Grant, Miss Lizzie Grant and Master Oscar Grant. Mr. Willie Grant is with the Atlantic Coast Line at Florence and he came on last night to attend the funeral.

The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mr. Jeff D. Smith, his uncle, on Dock, between Sixth and Seventh streets. The interment will be made at Oakdale cemetery.

CHRISTMAS SINNERS.

Thirty Arrests for Various Offences—Big Docket for the Mayor Yesterday.

Since Christmas eve the policemen have made about thirty-five arrests, eighteen of which were made on Saturday. The city was exceedingly quiet on the Sunday Christmas, the police pulling only two offenders. Yesterday about a dozen arrests were made.

The offences were mostly drunk, drunk and disorderly, drunk and fighting, and three negroes were committed to the station house on the charge of larceny. Eighteen prisoners sat on the prisoners' bench when Mayor Springer called his court yesterday at noon. The offenders were generally fined and required to pay the costs for their Christmas conduct. Ella Haywood and Ellen Mitchell, colored, were sent to jail for 30 days for disorderly conduct of an aggravated nature.

The Mayor will have another big court to-day.

AT REST IN OAKDALE.

Funeral of Mr. Chauncey G. Southerland Sunday Afternoon.

The funeral of the lamented Mr. Chauncey G. Southerland took place Christmas day at 4 P. M. at the residence, 207 Grace street, and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wells, assisted by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. There was a large attendance of bereaved relatives and mourning friends, including the members of Clarendon Lodge No. 3, K. of P., and other Pythians. The hymns were tenderly sung by the choir of the First Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member.

The interment took place in Oakdale cemetery. The pall-bearers were as follows: Honorary—Mr. James Sprunt, Dr. W. J. Love, Dr. L. H. Love, Dr. W. C. Galloway and Messrs. Samuel Northrop and J. D. Nutt. Active—Messrs. J. C. Springer, Owen Fennell, J. B. Brinkley, B. F. Hall, Oscar Pearsall and W. A. Martin.

The grave was banked with beautiful floral tributes, indicating the affection and esteem in which Mr. Southerland was held.

Stole A Horse And Buggy.

Yesterday morning Dr. J. T. Seconwald's driver stopped his buggy in front of a restaurant down town and went inside on business. When he came out the rig was gone. Police headquarters were notified, and in about three hours the horse and buggy were recovered in Brooklyn where a dusky couple were enjoying a drive. They were John Bishop and Lucy Sanders, and they were locked up at the station house on the charge of larceny. Later Jim Sanders, colored, was arrested, and it appears that he is the man who stole the buggy while the driver was away. They will be given a hearing by the Mayor to-day.

The Liquor License Taxes $689.

The retail liquor license taxes here are as follows: City, $364.00; State and County, $400.00; United States, $35.00. Total, $689 00 Should the city increase the tax to $1,000 the total would be $1435.00.

A.C.L. HEADQUARTERS

Rumor That General Offices of the Coast Line and L. & N. Will Be Consolidated.

MONTGOMERY MAKES A BID.

The Commercial and Industrial Club of That Ambitious Alabama City Wants the Headquarters Moved There. Will They Move?

The Manufacturer's Record says:

Upon currency of a rumor that general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad might be consolidated, the Commercial and Industrial Association of Montgomery, Ala., through Secretary L. L. Gilbert, telegraphed to Mr. Henry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line in New York, as follows:

Understand consolidation of general offices Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville is under consideration. If so, we urge Montgomery, the natural and geographical center of the industrial South, as most suitable point of operation for systems extending from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic ocean and from the Ohio river to the Gulf. Its climate is ideal for all-the-year work. Chemical analyses pronounce its water absolutely pure. Railroad schedules are convenient, and all territory quickly accessible. It is the largest distributor of heavy goods South of Louisville, and the capital of the greatest wealth producing State in the Union. Alabama produced $120,000,000 last year from six items alone—cotton, lumber, iron, coal, ore and coke. We earnestly urge your location, therefore, in Alabama, the heart of the South, and Montgomery, its pulsing center. We pledge our best efforts to effect any reasonable arrangement necessary.

It will be recalled that in the early fall the boards of trade and other commercial bodies of Alabama in convention telegraphed a number of representative industries of the East and North warmly inviting them to look into the advantages of Alabama as a situs for manufacturing. Similar spirit of enterprise is shown in this telegram quoted. It was sent at the immediate moment when it would receive most attention, and in the expectation that at any rate the thoughts of the men interested in the railroad lines might be directed along the channel suggested for action some time in the future. The incident demonstrates that Montgomery has an organization fully determined to seize every opportunity to advance the city's interests. That is one of the city's best advertisements.

The above is doubtless true as to the ultimate consolidation of the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line, but Wilmington will probably be the headquarters of the consolidated office. There is no special reason why any location more central than Wilmington should be selected, but the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of our city should lose no opportunity to impress the fact upon the railroad authorities or make the city so attractive to the Coast Line management that that they will be loth to look elsewhere for a location.

The live Commercial and Industrial Association of Montgomery shows what a live body is prepared to do for its city, and it is an example for the business men of Wilmington to emulate. Numbers of our business men are fully alive to the growth of Wilmington, but what is needed is the shoulder of every man at the wheel. More can be accomplished by co operation, and it has been demonstrated by Monigomery and other cities that united action has its results.

There is a big future in store for Wilmington, and our people should lose no time in pressing the city's claims upon business men everywhere. There is no reason why Wilmington should not have 100,000 inhabitants in ten years or even less, and it will have growth in population and industrial development if our people will go to work as a unit.

THE THEATRE.

Satisfactory Opening Night of the Lyric Stock Company—Bill for To-night. Matinee To-morrow.

The Lyric Stock Company greeted the patrons of the Acadmy yesterday as a Christmas offering and mutual satisfaction resulted, and the audiences were large—there were two of them—and the company appeared in highly delightful style. At matinee a merry comedy was presented. It was "The Lobster" and the large audience enjoyed it from the rise to the fall of the curtain.

"Only a Volunteer" was given last night and the second big audience of the day was also greatly pleased. The play was an entirely new one to Wilmington and was one possessing a powerful plot. The cast handled it well and provoked many rounds of applause from the audience. Its up-to-dateness was truly refreshing, as it was out of the ordinary for a popular price attraction. It was really a good one-nighter. The scene at Port Arthur was especially attractive. Splendid specialities were made a part of the performance and were greatly enjoyed.

Hal Reid's beautiful play, "The Tie That Binds," which met with such success last year, will be the offering to-night. It is a piece that appeals to all classes of theatre-goers and is now being presented at popular prices for the first time. A new line of specialties will be introduced in connection with the bill. Seats for the performance are now on sale at Plummer's.

To-morrow afternoon the company will give another matinee, and the prices will be 10 and 20 cents.

— Mr. O. L. Thompson, of Whiteville, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

MAJOR J. S. HINES.

Prominent and Honored Citizen of Duplin County Dead—He Was a Civil War Veteran.

A telephone message to The STAR from Faison last night brings sad tidings of the death of Major J. S. Hines, one of Duplin county's oldest and most beloved citizens. He passed away last night about 9:55 o'clock. He had reached the 74th year of his age on the 16th of the present month.

Major Hines was a Confederate veteran, having served throughout the Civil war, participated in numerous battles with the Army of Northern Virginia. During the war he was captain of Company I, First North Carolina Infantry and received a severe injury to his back in a charge. He leaves a widow and six children, Messrs. Luke and Isham Hines, of New York; Messrs. J. A. and W. T. Hines, of Faison; Mrs. P. Heinsberger, Jr., of Wilmington, and Miss Sallie P. Hines, of Faison. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in Eastern Carolina.

The funeral will take place at Faison to-morrow at 10 A. M., and the interment will be with Masonic honors, the deceased having been a member of Faison Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. J. A. Newell, of Wanneish, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Edward Taylor, of Norfolk, is visiting friends at 116 Dock street.

— Mr. A. H. Edgerton, of Goldsboro, was among last evening's arrivals in the city.

— We are pleased to note that Dr. W. S. Pigford's condition was improved last night.

— Miss Ida Black returned to the city last night from a visit to relatives at Point Caswell.

— Miss Effie Anderson, of Savannah, is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson.

— Mr. J. A. Ratcliffe, the clever night clerk of the Hotel LaFayette, of Fayetteville, was a guest of The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. W. W. Holladay, with the A. C. L. at Savannah, is in the city spending the holidays, having come on Christmas to join Mrs. Holladay who has been here for some time.

A Good Appointment.

The many friends of Mr. Sam. S. Heide will be glad to know that he has been given a most desirable position in the laboratory of a large and wealthy Coal and Iron Co., operating extensive mines at Allen's Creek, Tennessee. The appointment was tendered by Mr. H. T. Debardelaben, president of the corporation. "Sammie," as he is familiarly known among his friends, is well qualified for his chosen work. He took a special course in chemistry at the State University, and stood high in his class; and it goes without saying that he will discharge the duties of the position he has accepted with credit to himself and satisfaction to his employers. He left for Tennessee Sunday afternoon and carries with him the best wishes of troops of friends.

Succeeding to Law.

Lindsay Russell, Esq., formerly of this city but now a prominent member of the New York bar, is here spending the holidays with his brother, Dr. Frank H. Russell and his relative, Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy. Mr. Russell is a member of the law firm of McLaughlin & Russell, and their specialty is international law business. His numerous Wilmington friends will be glad to learn that this young North Carolinian is prominent in the legal profession and is succeeding admirably in New York. His firm also has a London office.

Christmas Like a Summer Day.

There were elaborate Christmas services at the city churches on Sunday, and there were large congregations. The day was an ideal one, and people sat in their homes without fire. The sun was almost like that of a Summer day.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The obsequies of the late Mrs. JOHN R. KENLY will take place at 11 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning at the residence, 405 South Third street. Interment at Oakdale cemetery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Executrix Notice.

Having qualified as Executrix of John H Gore, Jr., deceased, late of the county of New Hanover, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of December, 1905, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

MARY A. GORE, Executrix.
This 19th day of December, 1904. tu de 20

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

TO-NIGHT
Lyric Stock Company
In Hal Reid's Beautiful Drama,
"The Tie That Binds."
All new specialties.
10, 20 and 30 cents.
Seats on sale at Plummer's.
Matinee To-morrow Afternoon
de 27 1t

Christmas Cheer

ASSURED BY THE USE OF A

Gas Range

USE A GAS HEATER TO
VE XMAS COMFORT
dec 24 2t

THE LIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR

at the end of one of VANN'S special 5c. hand-made Havana filled cigars is a guarantee of a long, sweet, happy smoke, and if you resolve to smoke these only hereafter, 1905 will be the red letter year of your life. dec 27 tf

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons

Cabbage, Potatoes, Onions, Dried Apples, Beans. Our Specialties.

J. S. FUNCHESS & CO.,
Wholesale Fruit and Produce,
dec 25 tf 108 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas Books

Fancy Goods, Novelties and Toys, Pictures, Calendars, Cards.

Beautiful line Holiday Goods to be sold this week at

C. W. Yates & Co.,
dec 18 tf Market Street.

WANTED—YOU— To improve your opportunity and increase your salary by taking a DAY or NIGHT course in Shorthand, Bookkeeping or Telegraphy at the

WILMINGTON BUSINESS COLLEGE.
dec 27 tf

WISHING

— Everybody —

A Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

We sincerely Thank our many friends and patrons for THE BIGGEST HOLIDAY TRADE we ever had and beg to solicit your valued Footwear trade for 1905.

SOLE AGENTS —FOR—

SHOES.

Cordially Yours

Mercer & Evans Co.
de27 tf

Mules

For Sale!

2 Medium Size Mules.
1 Medium Size Horse.
Cash or Time, as Agreed.

W. B. COOPER,
dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Special Announcement
Thursday Night, December 29th,
JULES MURRY PRESENTS
CRESTON CLARKE
In the Delightful Comedy Romance
"MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE."
Adapted from Booth Tarkington's widely read and charming novel. Cast of artistic excellence. Production of infinite splendor.
Prices—$1.50, $1.00, 50 and 25 cents.
Seats on sale Tuesday.
Carriages at 11 P. M. dec 27 2t

NOTICE!

On January 2nd, 1905,

The City will begin to GARNISHEE Wages and LEVY on Personal Property for

CITY TAXES

not paid by that date.

If forced to levy costs will be added to the tax.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

B. F. KING,
City Tax Collector.
dec 15 till ja 2 th su tu

A CARD.

To Our Friends and Patrons:

Another year has passed away, and we hope you have made the best of it. We wish to thank you for business given us and we trust to be permitted to again serve your interests in the future as we have faithfully tried to do in the past.

Yours,

F. E. HASHAGEN CO.,
Wholesale Grocers.
dec 25 tf

Hamme the Hatter and Clothier.

Comes to the front Xmas Week with a full Stock of Hats and Clothing. A beautiful assortment of Neck Ties and silk Handkerchiefs, Boys and Childrens' Suits. Perfect fit Guaranteed. Latest styles and lowest prices.
dec 18 tf 24 North Front St.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

REPUDIATED BONDS AND ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Considerable alarm seems to have taken possession of some people and particularly the newspapers of the Southern States which repudiated a portion of their bonded debt after the reconstruction period left those States bankrupt. There seems to be no doubt that a systematic effort is to be made to compel the repudiating States to recognize and pay these repudsated bonds, and there are some who are inclined to believe that the movement will succeed.

The winning of the South Dakota suit against North Carolina for the repudiated bonds sued upon was doubtless the first step in a pre-arranged, systematic movement all along the line. Coming next was the luminating article by Mark Sullivan, the New York lawyer whose contribution in the North American Review, "Present Status of Repudiated State Bonds," has attracted very wide notice. The latest phase of the movement is a scare about slipping in provisions in *foreign treaties* which will insure *the ultimate* payment *of these* bonds. The Savannah News, commenting upon it, says:

"It was hoped that the arbitration treaties with England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland, which have been signed, would be ratified without debate. Within the last week or two, however, the question as to whether or not these treaties could be used to force a settlement of the repudiated bonds of the Southern States has been raised. Quite a number of letters relative to the treaties has been received by the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, and several of them raise this point respecting the repudiated bonds of the Southern States. It is stated that a syndicate of American and foreign capitalists hold a great many of these bonds which aggregate with interest about $200,000,000.

Some of the governors of Southern States have been heard from in respect to the matter. Senator Foster, of Louisiana, has called the attention of the Board of Trade of New Orleans to the treaties, saying that there is 'a well defined report that there lurks in them, under the fair guise of peace and arbitration, a great menace to the South.'

"Of course Southern senators will look carefully into the treaties and if the report is well founded they will offer vigorous opposition to their ratification.

These bonds of the Southern states were repudiated after they had been carefully scrutinized and shown to have been unlawfully issued. The utmost care was taken in this state in sifting the genuine bonds from the fraudulent ones. Still, there may be doubt as to what a court would do if asked to pass upon the validity of some of the repudiated bonds."

The News editorial makes reference to the suit upon the North Carolina bonds, which it must be remembered were issued for the building of a railroad and were secured by lien upon the State's stock. It must also be borne in mind that these bonds of North Carolina were not issued in the day of the reconstruction orgies, but after the people of North Carolina had regained control of their State. The latest step in the NorthCarolina bond case was that upon motion of Attorney General Gilmer in the Supreme Court at Washington, the court extended the time for the payment of the $27,400 which the court has adjudged that North Carolina must pay to South Dakota. That judgment of $27,400 is on ten bonds of $1,000 denomination each, so that South Dakota gets $27,400 for ten $1,000 bonds. That is she gets $2,740 for each $1,000 bond—more tnan double the principal. Of the $27,400, there is interest amounting to $17,400, at 6 per cent. interest per annum.

It is said there is out standing only about 250 of the bonds of the same series sued upon by South Dakota, which is to say $250,000 obligation for the principal of those bonds. The interest on the whole number, however, amounts to $435,000; so it appears by adding that to the principal, the total sum due on on the 250 bonds is $685,000.

North Carolina is now facing the possibility of paying $685,000 or compromising, and that matter, we understand, will occupy the attention of the Legislature next month. It can be said, however, that while sentiment is generally opposed to any concessions, except to provide for the payment of the South Dakota bonds, it is said that the Legislature will probably receive a proposition to compromise the whole $685,000 obligation at 50 cents on the dollar. It is believed by some that unless the bonds are compromised. North Carolina will have to pay upon the ten bonds not only $27,400 but also the costs of the court, which amount to about $7,000 additional, making a total of about $35,000 which the State will have to pay for those ten South Dakota bonds. This is at the rate of 3,500 on each $1,000 bond, and consequently the 250 bonds at that rate would fout up about $875,000 dangerously near the million mark' for an original debt of $250,000.

The question for the Legislature to decide will be to provide for paying South Dakota's judgment, and to consider whether to compromise the whole repudiated debt at $342,000 or run the chance of judgments for $875,000.

Other Southern States will be in the same boat with North Carolina if the movement to collect on these bonds succeeds. Mr. Sullivan in his article in the North American Review gives a chronological account of all these repudiated Southern bond issues, and his article furnishes much valuable and interesting information and statistics concerning them.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The fact that 1,593 postoffices were robbed last year shows the burglars have also been enjoying prosperity.—Baltimore Sun.

— The Post: My mail contains nothing but rejected manuscripts! His Wife: And mine nothing but invitations to millinery openings! —Brooklyn Life.

—— The steel trust has advised its constituent companies to ignore the rulings of Inter-State Commerce Commission, or, in other words, to do just as they have been doing.—Washington Post.

—— The man who hasn't been selling something he hasn't got, or buying something that he never expects to have actual possession of, is not particularly worried at a report of a panic by Wall street.—Memphis Scimitar.

—— *Editor* Mack, of Buffalo, says the best thing the Democratic leaders can do just now for the good of the party is to keep quiet. And yet the advantages of keeping quiet received a very rude setback last November.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—— After a delay of about 750 days, the persons found guilty of participating in the massacre of Jews at Kishineff were sentencad to 170 days' imprisonment. Who says that Russia has any disposition to condone or palliate the murder of Hebrews?—Norfolk Landmark.

—— President Hugitt, of the Northwestern system, says that President Roosevelt's plan of railway regulation would stop all competition among roads. It is an old shipper who can remember the time when there was any real competition among the transportation agencies. —Washington Post.

—— It is stated that every railroad between the Missouri river and the Atlantic seaboard is unable to handle promptly the volume of freight that is offered, because of shortage of cars. Some roads are already suffering from congestion of traffic, and if weather conditions should become unfavorable, matters might easily take on a serious aspect. —Albany Journal.

TWINKLINGS.

— Breathlessly the young man who had declared himself stood over her, awaiting his answer. Breathlessly—yet it was better so. He was chewing a clove.

—Gayboy: I guess my wife expects callers to-day. "What makes you think so?" "She began the day by making the house unfit for anyone to live in."—Life.

— "Did my diamonds call forth any comment?" asked Mrs. Cumrox. "Yes, indeed," answered Miss Cayenne, "I heard several people refer to you as the human chandelier."—Washington Star.

— "Monkeys are not very intelligent, are they? "O, I don't know. I saw one to-day that ought to make a good bookkeeper." "What was it doing?" "Running up a column." —Houston Post.

— "Mrs. Gayweed, I hear, is going to marry a poet." "Oh, dear, you don't say so! I always thought I'd feel sorry for any man she might marry; but, bless me, if I don't feel kind of sorry for her!"—Town Topics.

— It makes a man a good deal of a cynic to dream that he is a bachelor at a poker party in the club and then wake up and find it is the day he has to go and buy his Christmas presents for the family.—New York Press.

— The teacher was giving a lesson in Russian history. "And it was Ivan the Terrible," she related, "who slaughtered so many innocent people. Why did he do it?" "I guess it was because he owned an automobile," spoke up the boy whose father is a chaffeur.—Chicago News.

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A MILITANT PARSON.

Methodist Preached, and Then He Offered to Fight.

When the settlements on the Forked Deer river were new and western Tennessee was still Chickasaw country all attempts to start religious services were for a long time broken up by a gang of young outlaws who drove the ministers away. At last the Rev. Archie Davis, a muscular Christian, came. They had given him notice that no Methodist parson should ever preach on Lower Forked Deer. Mr. Davis went to the forbidden ground and preached to a large audience. When the service was over he stepped out into the grove which surrounded the log church and, taking off his coat and collar, placed them on a stump. The outlaws had gathered on one side, the church people on the other. Turning to one of the church people, Mr. Davis gave him a message for his wife and then, facing the outlaws, demanded that they select their champion.

"You said I should not preach," he said, "but I have preached. You say I shall not preach again. Well, I say I shall unless you kill me now. Come on, one at a time, fair play, and we'll see who is right."

The outlaws looked at him in amazement. Then the leader stepped forward, holding out his hand.

"I'm with you, Mr. Davis," he declared. "Any man who has got your courage can be parson here as long as he likes. Boys, step up and shake hands with the minister."

Thenceforward the "fighting parson" held forth regularly in the Forked Deer country.

CANARY BIRDS.

They Are, Barring Men and Peacocks, the Vainest of Creatures.

"Do you know," said an observant gentleman, "that, barring a man and a peacock, I believe a canary bird is the vainest of all creatures? Both my wife and myself are very fond of pets, and we keep several of these little songsters always in the house. One of the cages was an old affair, which had been in the family for years and was used as much for tradition's as for economy's sake. I had frequently remarked to my wife that I believed the occupant of this cage was somewhat ashamed of his shabby dwelling place and observed with envious eyes the fact that the other songsters were more artistically lodged. Well, the old cage finally collapsed, and it became necessary to purchase a new one. In order to test my belief in the intelligence of my feathered friend, I made it a point to get him the prettiest little brass house I could find. The effect was magical. No sooner was he turned into his new home than he began to sing as he had never sung before, completely drowning out the music of the other birds and behaving otherwise in a manner altogether becoming his sudden rise in life. No proud pauper coming unexpectedly into an inheritance of great riches could more gracefully have assumed a greater degree of vanity."

ALWAYS SAFE.

The Way Lee's Old Negro Kept Out of Bullet Range.

When General Robert E. Lee was fighting Grant in "the last days" an old darky besieged headquarters with requests to see "the gin'ral." He was turned away a dozen times. But one day he succeeded in reaching the guard immediately in front of General Lee's tent. The altercation which followed was overheard by General Lee, who called out, "Let that man come in." Then into the tent came the fellow, a rawboned, shambling, gray headed, gnarled old darky, who scraped the ground with his foot and kept turning his hat around nervously in his hand.

"Well, where do you belong?" demanded General Lee.

"I b'longs to y'r company, gin'ral," returned the darky.

"No; you don't," declared the general sharply. "Everybody in my company has been shot. How is it that you haven't been?"

"The darky scratched his head. Then from his twisted mouth came a confidential whisper: "Well, yo' see, gin'ral, it's this a-way. I ain't been shot 'caze when dey's a fight goin' on, I always stays with the gin'rals."—Lippincott's.

WEARING AN OPAL.

Conflicting Superstitions About the Luck It Brings.

Mr. Thiselton Dyer in his "Domestic Folklore" says that popular superstition makes it unlucky to wear an opal ring notwithstanding the fact that in the middle ages this lovely stone was thought to possess the united virtues of all the gems with whose distinctive colors it is emblazoned.

A writer in Notes and Queries points out that there are conflicting opinions on this subject of very early date, some writers stating that failing sight is restored by the wearing of an opal and others that the luck depends upon the color, a white opal being of fortunate import and a black one ominous of evil.

Sir Walter Scott in "Anne of Geierstein" ascribes to supernatural agency the loss of beauty in a Mexican opal when its iridescent surface is acted upon by water, and some trace to this the notion that as a love token its fiery or fading colors betoken faithfulness or falsity.

The Sense of Smell.

The sense of smell is by no means so developed in man as in dogs, cats and other animals, but it is often abnormally keen in individuals deprived of other senses. Blind deaf mutes, for example, can recognize their friends and form an opinion about strangers solely by means of this sense. Possibly, however, animals are only sensitive to certain smells while unconscious of others that affect us. If this be the case they would naturally be able to follow up one particular scent more easily than a man, this scent to which they are sensitive being to them less confused with others. —Chambers' Journal.

Cloves.

Cloves are probably the greatest speculative article in the spice trade and have been so for many hundreds of years, because they have always come from small and restricted areas of cultivation and have been used as tribute, almost taking the place of money in ancient times. They have been mostly grown on the two small islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, on the east coast of Africa.

One More Brute.

Mrs. Nubbins—My husband is a perfect brute. Friend—You amaze me, Mrs. Nubbins—Since the baby began teething nothing would quiet the little angel but pulling his papa's beard, and yesterday he went and had his beard shaved off.

Consideration.

You may never know what harm an indifference may work, what despair a rebuff may brew. Your pulse of irritation under pressure of obligations may be the last feather weight to [illegible] oppressed soul into desperation.

RUSSIAN WEDDINGS.

The Part the Bride's Brother Plays In the Ceremony.

In no country in the world, says the author of "Woolngs and Weddings In Many Climes," is the tie between brother and sister closer than it is in Russia. The brother is regarded as her guardian equally with the father and as her protector even more.

In many districts when the groom comes to claim his bride her brother places himself beside her and with a stout stave or a drawn sword prevents the groom's approach. The twain often engage in much poetical barter, in which the bride incites her brother to extort a goodly price for herself, her veil and her beauty.

Upon the wedding day the groom comes to her parents' house and claims his bride. Then there is a touching little bit of ceremony, one of those pretty human comedies which are called "empty shows and forms," but are written in warm, tender emotions.

The maiden kneels before her parents and asks them to pardon her for any and every offense toward them of which she may ever have been guilty. They lift her up and kiss her; then they together offer her bread and salt, which signifies that while they live they will not see her lack the necessaries of life.

When she leaves the house its door is left open to signify that she may return when she will; that her girlhood's home is still hers.

WILD LIFE OBSERVATION.

Most of Us See Either More or Less Than the Truth.

Good observers are probably about as rare as good poets. Accurate seeing, an eye that takes in the whole truth and nothing but the truth—how rare indeed it is! So few persons know or can tell exactly what they see; so few persons can draw a right inference from an observed fact; so few persons can keep from reading their own thoughts and preconceptions into what they see. Only a person with the scientific habit of mind can be trusted to report things as they are. Most of us in observing the wild life about us see more or see less of the truth. We see less when our minds are dull or preoccupied or blunted by want of interest. This is true of most country people. We see more when we read the lives of the wild creatures about us in the light of our human experience and impute to the birds and beasts human motives and methods. This is too often true of the eager city man or woman who sallies out into the country to study nature.

The tendency to sentimentalize nature has in our time largely taken the place of the old tendency to demonize and spiritize. It is anthropomorphism in another form, less fraught with evil to us, but equally in the way of a clear understanding of the life about us.—John Burroughs in Century.

THE LIBRARY.

It Should Be, So to Speak, the Author's Tool Chest.

In the gradual growth of every student's library he may or may not continue to admit literary friends and advisers, but he will be sure sooner or later to send for a man with a tool chest. Sooner or later every nook and corner will be filled with books, every window will be more or less darkened, and added shelves must be devised. He may find it hard to achieve just the arrangement he wants, but he will find it hardest of all to meet squarely that inevitable inquiry of the puzzled carpenter as he looks about him, "Have you actually read all these books?" The expected reply is: "To be sure. How can you doubt it?" Yet if you asked him in turn, "Have you actually used every tool in your tool chest?" you would very likely be told: "Not one-half as yet, at least this season. I have the others by me to use as I need them." Now, if this reply can be fairly made in a simple, well defined, distinctly limited occupation like that of a joiner, how much more inevitable it is in a pursuit which covers the whole range of thought and all the facts in the universe! The library is the author's tool chest. He must learn as he grows older to take what he wants and to leave the rest.—Thomas Wentworth Higginson in Atlantic.

THE COUNTERFEITERS.

Fine Work of the Secret Service In Running Them Down.

A secret service man tells of an experience of his when on a difficult case of counterfeiting. The district had been flooded with bad coins and spurious notes, and it was his duty to locate the plant. At last they dropped across a newcomer who was living in fine style. He was educated and very reserved, and when he got any mail he seemed quite indifferent whether any one saw it or not. He would read his notes on the way home and throw the envelopes carelessly on the sidewalk. Not one of them gave the ghost of a clew. Every morning about 7 o'clock a young milkman went to the man's house and left a quart of milk. He, too, was a newcomer, and this set the secret service man thinking. So he watched. A stout cook at the kitchen always took the can of milk and handed the milkman the can he had left the day before. The milkman, it turned out, was the go-between. The milk cans had false bottoms, and here Mr. Fine Gentleman's letters were hidden. An intercepted letter led inquiries to a house not more than a few blocks from police headquarters. Sure enough, there was the engraving and bad money plant of which the refined newcomer was the head.—Kansas City Independent.

THE WORD "CHAPEL."

It Comes From Latin and Originally Meant Cope or Canopy.

The word "chapel" comes from the low Latin capella, a cope or canopy, and was applied to a recess or chapel attached to the altar.

Used originally of the place where the cappa or cope of St. Martin was preserved, the word came in the eighth century to signify any sanctuary where holy relics were kept and thence a consecrated building connected with a church or cathedral. At this period also domestic oratories and places of worship for such corporate bodies as colleges began to be called chapels.

Apart from its present day meaning, as applied to any place of worship which is not a parish church, such as a chapel of ease or a nonconformist chapel, the word denotes the ecclesiastical staff of a sovereign, the sacred office recited by the pope with his household and the working staff of a printing office, because the first one in England was set up by Caxton in Westminster abbey.

Her Little Surprise.

"Don't stop me now, dear. Archie's going to propose in a few minutes."

"Has he shown any symptoms?"

"Certainly not! He doesn't know it yet. I've arranged it as a surprise for him."—Brooklyn Life.

There are men who don't mind being kicked blue if they can only be talked about.—Eliot.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlie Bozeman, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law, John Bozeman, in Bertie county, has been arrested at Newbern. Bozeman, who is a negro, claims self defence.

— High Point, always progressive, as agreed to put up $37,500 for an electric road to Greensboro and Winston-Salem. That road connects three of the best cities in the State and almost makes them one.

— Durham Herald: From what is said about the price of board at Raleigh hotels, which is said to be prohibitive, so far as members of the Legislature are concerned, it might be a good idea for that body to meet and adjourn to Greensboro or Charlotte, where sufficient accommodation can be secured.

— A singular thing in connection with the hanging of the negro Reuben Johnson at Plymouth, for wife murder was the fact that no negro barber could be prevailed on to cut the hair of the condemned before his execution. Unable to overcome the superstition, Mr. S. H. Newberry performed for Johnson the necessary tonsorial service.

— At Tarboro on Thursday evening, while a number of men were sitting around the stove in the Hotel Farrar, the pocketbook of one man fell out of his pocket and to the floor. A man sitting by him quietly picked it up and placed it into his own pocket. He was seen, however, and followed to his room and forced to give the pocketbook up.

— Greensboro Telegram: High Point has made a great hit by inducing the national secretary of labor and commerce to promise to come and speak there. Mr. Metcalfe will be accompanied by Congressman Jos. M. Dixon, a former North Carolinian, who is now the congressman from Montana.

— Durham Herald: A telegram was received in the city yesterday from Carteret lodge stating that the Duke house party who were spending some time there, were having quite a lot of sport killing deer. The telegram stated that three had been bagged since the party reached there. One was killed by Messrs. Long and Cooper, one by Captain E. J. Parrish and one by Mr. Morrell and Miss Mary Duke. There is no doubt but that those of the party are having an enjoyable time.

—A dispatch from Winston-Salem on Saturday says: Bod Hudson, thirteen years old, was shot and killed to-day by Harry Nailor, aged thirteen. Hudson lived only about twenty minutes after the shooting, which seems to have been accidental. Nailor had a 22-calibre rifle and the ball struck Hudson in the abdomen. The boys were near the Winston water-works shooting at a target, when, it is claimed, the gun was accidently fired. Nailor is in jail awaiting an investigation.

—A special from Hertford on Saturday says: Where is James Harrell? This is the question now upon the lips of every man, woman and child in this community. He has disappeared under the most mysterious circumstances and there are strong indications that he has met with foul play. Harrell was in the emply of Ambrose Owens, a furniture dealer of Edenton, and sold furniture on the installment plan. He left Floyd's boarding house just before 10 o'clock Wednesday night, saying that he was going to collect a bill for furniture he had sold a negro named Fred Satterfield. He asked that the door at the hotel be left open as he would return in a brief while. But from that hour to this so far as known nothing has been seen of James Harrell. No suspicion rests on the negro. It is recalled, however, that on the night that the man vanished there were two unknown men, apparently sailors, at the hotel, and that in their presence, Harrell in a playful manner displayed a large roll of bills. It is said that these men left the hotel shortly after Harrell himself quitted it, and that neither of the two has been seen since. But the most sinister portion of this story is yet to be told. Thursday afternoon a colored barber named Hiram Fork, found in a low, marshy place near the cemetery known as Twin's Bottoms, a hat which was afterwards identified as that worn by Harrell on the night he disappeared; and still later Policeman Summers found a number of business papers belonging to the missing man. What is the sequel to this mysterious story? To what dark conclusion are these discoveries now pointing?

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 26.
Holiday—No quotations.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 26.—The exchanges were all closed to day on account of holiday.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 27.

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Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Maffitt.

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Fram, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.
Musslecrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

Ancient Serpent Superstition.

It is popularly believed even in this day and age of the world that bees die almost immediately after using their stings. This may be true; in fact, I believe that it is so stated on good authority. But what do you think of the idea of a poisonous serpent dying as soon as he has inflicted the fatal bite? Pliny, a writer of the first century after Christ, says: "Serpents, no odds how poisonous the variety, can hurt but once; neither kill they many together, to say nothing how. When they have bitten or stung a man they die for very grief and sorrow that they have done such a mischief, as if they had some remorse or conscience afterward."

Yet He Wondered.

"You rash boy," she said, looking sweetly up at him as she tenderly drew his silk scarf about his throat; "you mustn't go out in the night air without being more careful. You are so careless. You ought to have somebody to watch over you and keep you from catching your death." And still he wondered as he went home whether he would lose her friendship forever if he were to dare to ask her to be his when he returned on the following evening.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Blushing Girl.

You may know if a girl likes you by the way she behaves when you meet her. Don't be taken in by the mere fact that she changes color. Girls do that from a thousand different causes, and there is no reason why she should be in love with you merely because she blushes.—Health.

Her Vocation.

Tess—Why, Miss Uppisch's grandmother was merely a servant girl, wasn't she? Jess—Oh, no, indeed! Miss Uppisch says she was a "household specialist."—Philadelphia Press.

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vs.

Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company.

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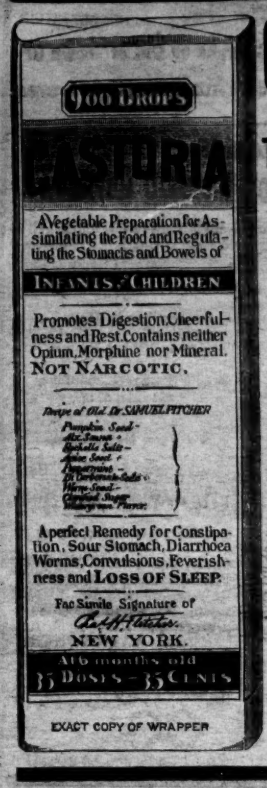
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MOUNTAINS IN JAPAN.

They Rival In Panorama the Scenery of Switzerland.

On every side of us, from our feet to the golden distance far away, the world stretched mountains, peak upon peak as thick as junks in a Chinese harbor and range beyond range inexhaustible. No sounds of mortal life came up inside the rock, while the river, gentian blue, wound silent in transparent pools below. The panorama in Japan on a splendid summer day is impossible to describe to an English reader who has not been in the east, for such a one will read between the lines the local color in which he was bred instead of the wholly different atmosphere that heightens the charm of the picture there, the brilliant luminous air which invests our eye with telescopic power and brings the whole landscape to our feet, while a soft suspicion of silky haze seems to float a halo round each foliage hidden hill. Switzerland, too, is a mountain world, but small compared with this, the entire content from Innsbruck to Geneva only one-fourth the length of this single island of Japan, a thousand miles of continuous romance. And the quality of the sunshine is what separates by a very wide gulf a summer's day in these latitudes from one in more northerly Europe.—Ernest Foxwell in Cornhill.

TOBACCO LEAVES.

The First Europeans Who Saw Them Used For Smoking.

The first Europeans who saw tobacco smoked were two men whom Columbus dispatched on an embassy immediately after the discovery of the island of Cuba. The names of these envoys, worthy of memory by the smoker, were Roderigo de Jerez and Luis de Torres, the latter a Christianized Jew of special proficiency in Arabic and Hebrew. Six days were allowed to these two worthies in which to accomplish their mission, but after penetrating inland for some twelve leagues and stopping at a village of a thousand inhabitants they rejoined Columbus on Nov. 6, 1492, and recounted the several wonders which had fallen under their notice.

It was on their way back to the Spanish caravels, accompanied by three natives, that they first saw smoking practiced. Several of the aborigines were making use of dried tobacco leaves, which they formed into a long roll, lighted and put in their mouths, swallowing and puffing out the smoke. These primitive and gigantic cigars the natives called tabacos, a name since transferred from its original application to the plant itself.

A MONKEY'S JOKE.

It Gave Him a Good Dinner, While It Startled the Cook.

I remember in a description of India or Ceylon some forty years ago a story of an Englishman who had a monkey. Looking out of his window one day, he saw his cook getting a fowl ready for boiling, while the monkey lay on the ground shamming death, and a party of crows stood at a little distance divided between the desire for the kitchen offal and the fear of the possibly shamming monkey. One crow more adventurous than the rest came within the magic distance and was instantly in the clutch of the monkey. At the same moment the cook, having finished trussing the fowl, put it into the pot and went away.

The monkey plucked his crow as he had just seen the cook pluck the fowl, took the fowl out of the pot, put the crow in and retired with his exchange. When the cook came back and saw the fowl left preparing for his master's luncheon turned black he was, as may be supposed, struck black with terror at this manifest intervention of the evil one.—London Spectator.

PATRIOTISM OF ANTS.

The Insects Always Willing to Die For Their Commune.

Many times and in many ways the devotion of ants to their commune has been tested. The rule is well nigh invariable of instant and absolute self abnegation and surrender of personal ease and appetite, life and limb to the public welfare. The posting of sentinels at gateways is customary, and they are apt to know first the approach of danger. With heads and quivering antennæ protruded from the opening, these city watchmen not only dispatch within news of threatening peril, but rush out with utter abandon to face the foe. With ants patriotism is not "second nature;" it is instinctive, inborn, seemingly as strong in the gallow anting as in the veteran brave.

It must be confessed, however, that it is rigidly exclusive. Racial catholicity is not an emmetorian virtue. Ants are without that elastic hospitality which embraces and assimilates all foreigners. Even the slave makers hold their domestic auxiliaries strictly distinct.

It may be due to overmastering patriotism that one fails to discover individual benevolence in ants. Friendships and personal affection in the limited and specialized sense familiar among domestic animals are as yet unknown. And thus it is with other social insects.—H. C. McCook in Harper's Magazine.

Soft and Softer.

"How beautifully soft it is!" he murmured, laying his hand on her glorious white arm.

"How less beautiful, but, oh, so much softer!" she tenderly replied, laying her jeweled hand on the top of his venerable head.

A Mercenary Preference.

"She despised him because his parents were poor, but honest."

"No," said Miss Cayenne; "she didn't despise him, but she preferred a man whose parents were neither."—Washington Star.

Which Was Far Worse.

Williamson—Does your wife always have the last word? Henderson—Well, if she doesn't, old fellow, she looks it.—Smart Set.

It is better to swallow a lie than to utter it.

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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A GROWING TREE.

Two Things That Nature Invariably Does to Protect It.

Nature invariably does two things when she tries to grow a tree—she protects the bark from hottest sunshine and the roots from severe changes of temperature. Both these points are almost invariably overlooked by man. Observe a maple or elm or birch as it shoots from the ground. Its sides are clothed all the way with small twigs unless removed by knife or browsing. Any tree starting in an open lot is thus protected from the sun. Otherwise the extreme heat will rupture cells, and the bark will dry and split. As far as possible there must be equal development of cells on all sides of the tree. But care of the roots is even more important.

The feeding of a tree is at unequal depths, but most of it is near the surface. If the sun be allowed to strike directly on the soil the finer rootlets that do the foraging are destroyed, and extreme droughts will affect the roots for a foot in depth. What is worse, the extreme changes of temperature also affect the tree and suck its life away. In some cases such conditions are produced as encourage the development of fungi or other enemies to plant life. Nature guards against this by laying down each autumn a layer of leaves to mulch her forests or solitary pets.

RENEWING THE BODY.

The Way Man Is Constantly Being Made Over and Over.

It takes but four weeks to completely renew the human epidermis. You have new eyelashes every five months, you shed your finger nails in about the same period, and the nails of your toes are entirely renewed annually. The white of the eye, known as the cornea, is in a continual state of renewal, being kept clear and clean by the soft friction of the eyelids. These are a few manifestations of the restorative powers retained by man, who is less fortunate than the lower animals.

Crabs can grow fresh limbs; the snail can renew even a large portion of its head; with eyes and feelers lizards do not worry about the loss of a tail, and if you make a cut in the caudal appendage of some of these last mentioned creatures they will grow another tail straightway and rejoice in the possession of two.

But man still possesses the wonderful restorative little cells which scientific men call leucocytes. They are always coursing through the body to renew and to defend the body from its enemies, the harmful bacteria of various maladies. These cells generate antitoxins to kill our enemies. They do battle for us in hundreds of ways, and yet the majority of us know nothing of these great services rendered by our tiny friends inside.

Piano Test For Engines.

Pointing to a piano that was standing in the locomotive roundhouse of the Missouri Pacific railroad near Kansas City, an English visitor remarked, "Ah, I see your road supplies you with musical entertainment."

"Guess not," replied the foreman. "That piano is for testing the engines."

The Englishman thought it a joke, says a writer in the World's Work, but when a uniformed pianist struck a note which harmonized with the noise of vibration in each part of the locomotive as it was tested he understood that there could be no flaws or cracks in the engine. He was informed that if the noise of the locomotive made a discord with the musical note the locomotive would be thus proved defective. The method has been discovered to be more accurate than the old way of hammering each part.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average baldheaded man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others, that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, innoculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide.

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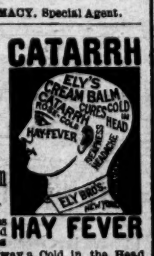

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 916,928 68
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	420 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,800 00
Bonds, securities, etc	89,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	30,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	135,816 07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	130,069 68
Due from approved reserve agents	71,587 95
Notes of other National Banks	9,460 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	684 69
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$35,955 00
Legal tender notes	39,694 00 75,650 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,941 56
Total	$1,949,199 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	73,866 70
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other National Banks	186,496 91
Due to State Banks and Bankers	130,650 88
Dividends unpaid	320 00
Individual deposits subject to check	764,406 49
Certified checks	600 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	12,250 04
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,949,199 02

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss:

I, J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1904.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
C. W. YATES,
D. McEACHERN,
JNO. S. ARMSTRONG,
} Directors.

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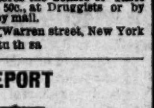

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Aprons—Ladies' white lawn aprons, plain and trimmed, some with bibs for nurses, good quality, now 25c.

Rugs and Art Squares—We have in a great variety of patterns and prices handsome designs that are appropriate or useful gifts to mothers, wives or sisters.

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Dress Suit Cases and Hand Bags—Big line.

Ladies' Wraps and Furs are here, ready for gift buyers and are priced very low for such quality as they are made of. To see is to appreciate.

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Don't fail to visit our new store for toys of all kinds.

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A Man's Christmas

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Why not give him something he will appreciate—a Suit or Overcoat, for instance?

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Haberdashery.

If you prefer a House Coat, pair of Gloves, Tie, Muffler or something elegant in the Furnishing Line, please remember that you are sure to find the smartest and handsomest styles here.

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The A. David Co.,

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The moral—of yearly repetition—is: Begin your Christmas buying early.

And "Polvogt's" is the Christmas store.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC Trust and Banking Co., at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business November 10th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$447,766 63
Furniture and Fixtures	100 00
Demand Loans	35,250 0
Due from Banks and Bankers	17,904 18
Cash Items	9,261 86
Gold coin	50 00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	134 83
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	720 00
Total	$500,188 17

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000 00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	15,565 73
Deposits subject to check	405,328 44
Demand certificates of deposit	32,093 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	541 00
Accrued interest due depositors	3,000 00
Total	$500,188 17

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I Milton Calder, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of November, 1904.

S. M. BOATWRIGHT, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
L. B. ROGERS,
M. O'BRIEN,
C. W. YATES.
} Directors.

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SPECIAL EXCURSION

TO HAVANA CUBA

Do not miss this opportunity to visit this beautiful and attractive island, as it will afford not only opportunity for you to make a delightful trip but, to the manufacturers of the South, will offer the additional opportunity to investigate the possibilities of Cuba with the view of developing their business in that country.

A personally conducted, special excursion to Havana, Cuba, January 4th, 1905, from Washington, D. C., Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and intermediate points in the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, will connect with the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company's steamer leaving Port Tampa, Fla., on the night of January 5th, 1905.

The party will be limited to 150 persons, therefore reservation should be made promptly, in order to secure proper accommodations on the steamship "Olivette," the most commodious ship of the Peninsular and Occidental Steamship Company, which will convey the party to Havana.

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The rate, $44.70 from Wilmington, N. C., for the round trip, includes meals and staterooms on the steamship.

Mr. A. W. Frito will meet the party in Jacksonville and accompany them to Havana. Mr. Frito speaks Spanish fluently and will place himself at the disposal of the party, furnishing any information desired.

Trains for which tickets for this excursion will be sold will leave Wilmington, N. C., 3:30 P. M., Jan. 4th, 1905.

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Time Table No. 11

In Effect Thursday, Sept. 8, 1904, at 10.19 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passg'r Trains Arrive	Passg'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 30	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 23	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 27	9 00
7 55	7 07	Morehead City	.....	6 55
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6.50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 05 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 55 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 45
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 52 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 39 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 48 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 25 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	6 14 p m	6 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 59 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar 8 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 30 p m	Ar 4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday	South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

*Except Sunday.

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Leave Wilmington	4 35 a m	3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet	8 50 a m	10 10 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 20 p m
" Raleigh	11 40 a m	1 30 a m
Arrive Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 35 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 25 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 25 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	3 55 p m	12 25 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 20 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta.

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		3.00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 15 p m
" Athens		6 48 a m
Arrive Atlanta		8 40 a m
NORTHBOUND	No. 38	
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m	
" Athens	11 23 p m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND		No. 43
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 10 p m
" Columbia		12 20 a m
" Savannah		4 40 a m
" Jacksonville		9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa		5 45 p m
NORTHBOUND	No. 66	
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m	
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m	
" Savannah	12 10 a m	
" Columbia	5 30 a m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

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Suburban Schedule,

In Effect December 10, 1904.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.	Leave W. Beach.
†7.00 A. M.	8.15	
10.00 A. M.		12.30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.		5.00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10.00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M. (Sat'day only)	

*Will go to Beach on request.

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FREIGHT.

(Daily except Sunday)

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The Morning Star

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

AIRSHIP'S SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

The California Arrow Sails Twenty Miles, Part of Distance Against Strong Gale, in Hour and Thirteen Minutes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—Capt. Baldwin's airship, "California Arrow," driven by Roy Knabenshue, of Toledo, Ohio, who made several successful flights in the same machine from the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis was given its first trial in California to-day and was successful with the single exception of its failure to land at the starting point. A landing was effected half a mile away without damage to the machine, and it was safely towed back to its anchorage.

The Arrow started from Chutes Park baseball grounds, in the southeastern part of the city, at 3:15 P. M., sailed with the wind northeastward for a distance of between 8 and 10 miles, then eastward for 7 miles, and returned in the face of a 12-mile gale to a point directly above the starting place. Owing to the supply of gasolene running short, Knabenshue was unable to effect a landing at exactly the desired spot. From the time the airship arose from the baseball grounds until it was safely anchored at Pico and Stanford streets, it was in flight an hour and 13 minutes, and in that time *sailed a* distance of probably 20 *miles*. When flying with the *wind* the *Arrow* travelled at a speed of 29 miles an hour, and returning directly in the face of the strong southeastern gale was able to make a rate of speed reckoned at between 6 and 8 miles an hour.

The airship was manoeuvred by Knabenshue in every direction, responding readily to its rudder, circling and turning in any direction and rising and dipping as the operator directed. The Arrow rose at times to a height of probably 3,000 feet or more, with Knabenshue reducing the height by shifting his weight and raising or lowering the bow of the craft as he desired to ascend or descend.

POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.

Plant Near Halifax, N. S, Destroyed. Considerable Damage to Surrounding Property—No Loss of Life.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—A portion of the Acadia Powder Company's works, at Waverly, ten miles from this city, blew up to-day and the concussion shook the country and broke windows for twenty miles around. Fortunately, no one was killed or seriously injured, although about twenty of the employes who had just left the powder works when the explosion took place, were thrown violently to the ground and stunned. The plant is situated a mile outside of Waverly, yet every window in the town was broken and many people on the streets were cut by the shower of broken glass. The property loss at the Acadia works is estimated at $35,000.

The explosion was in a small house known as the dry house, in which about a ton of powder was stored, and was believed to have been due to overheating. About a quarter of a mile off was the house of Robert Layton, the manager of the plant, and this was very badly damaged. All the windows were blown out, while the plaster in nearly every room was shaken down. Miss Margaret Layton, who was sitting in a room on the second floor, was hurled from her chair and rendered unconscious. Her condition is not serious, however. The fact that only about one-fifth of the ordinary working force was about the building to-day undoubtedly prevented loss of life.

FARMER MURDERED.

Body Found at Front Gate of His Home Near Gothran, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 26.—A special to the Telegraph from Hawkinsville, Ga., says:

The body of James Graham, a highly respected white farmer, was found stiff and cold at the front gate of his home, nine miles east of Cochran, Saturday morning, where he had evidently been killed in the early part of Friday night. Graham stood well and was an excellent man when sober. He had been on a Christmas drunk all the week and his family had left home for safety, so he was at home alone when he was killed. He had not an enemy in the world so far as is known and his mysterious killing is liable to bring sensational developments.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Wreck on the Southern—Seven Persons Killed and Ten Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 25.—The passenger train which left St. Louis at 9 o'clock last night on the Southern Railway collided head-on with the passenger train leaving Louisville at about the same hour near Maud's Station, Illinois, to-day. One passenger and six employes were killed and two passengers and eight employes were slightly injured.

The collision occurred between Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Princeton, Ind., and, according to Southern Railway officials, was caused by the failure of the operator at Brown's, Ill., to deliver to the east-bound train an order naming a meeting point for the trains.

Vann's Pool Tournament.

There will be a very exciting game of pool at Vann's Cigar Store Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, between Mr. H. M. Chase and Mr. W. A. French, Jr., this being the only game left to be played to decide the winner of the great tournament which was begun at Vann's last week.

Mr. Vann desires to thank the public generally for the liberal patronage he has received during the Christmas holidays and the past year. Everything for the comfort and pleasure of smokers can be found at Vann's at a very reasonable price.

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EMPEROR MAKES LIBERAL PROMISES.

Imperial Ukase Assures Fullest Measure of Self-Government in Russia.

SITUATION ACUTE IN MOSCOW

Immense War Preparations in Japan—To Give Marshal Oyama Half a Million Men—Outpost Fighting Near Mukden—Disorder in Poland.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform Ukase was issued tonight. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the Emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of Zemstvos presidents, held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety, as demanded by the memorial promises that each one shall be referred to the council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the Ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though *freedom for all creeds or sects*, whether *Christian or otherwise*, is among the subjects which will be dealt with. The various subjects will be referred to committees for early report.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—An imperial ukase, issued to-night, makes decidedly liberal promises under a number of heads. It promises a full and equitable enforcement of existing laws; assures the Zemstvos of the fullest possible measure of self-government and the enforcement of the laws now existing in their behalf; promulgates a scheme of workmen's insurance; extends the liberty of the press and promises a full legal trial of all persons accused.

There seems to be no evidence of a cessation of the agitation in different parts of the country in favor of liberal reforms. The situation is most acute in Moscow, where the University is closed and the students, the pedagogic and other societies, are in a constant state of ferment. It develops that the social revolution party in Moscow, before the demonstrations of December 18 and 19, practically issued a warning condemning to death Grand Duke Sergius and Police Master Trepeff, if during those demonstrations there should be a recurrence of "the police brutality which was witnessed at St. Petersburg."

Subsequently the students decided not only to cease attending lectures but to demonstrate on the occasion of the burial of the victims of the rioting of December 18th and 19th, to ally themselves with the labor movement and to take up arms in their own defence. They also asked the professors of the university to back up these demands. As a result, the latter obtained permission to make a searching into all the circumstances.

The commission which is investigating the passport question has not yet taken up the question of Jewish passports, either foreign or domestic, the whole matter having been temporarily postponed pending the decision of other points. Foreign passports, the commission recommends, shall be good for the period for which they are issued by foreign governments without requiring the holders, as now to take out Russian passports at the end of six months.

Japanese Surprised.

MUKDEN, Dec. 26.—Volunteers who crossed the Shakhe river on Friday surprised a force of the enemy, killing about one hundred and taking fifteen prisoners. The Russian losses were trifling.

The Zemstvo.

EKATERINOSLAV, Dec. 26.—The governor, opening the Zemstvo, spoke enthusiastically of the forthcoming decentralization of Russia.

Japan's Preparations.

TOKIO, Dec. 25, 5 P. M.—Tokio is again a great military camp and the scenes of last spring, when the first armies were mobilized and dispatched, are being duplicated. Thousands of recruits and reservists are assembled, drilling and equipping preparatory to taking the field. The permanent and temporary barracks are filled, and it is necessary to billet the soldiers brought to the city. The batteries fire blank charges for the purpose of breaking in the new horses.

The general military preparations are enormous. It is planned to give Field Marshal Oyama a rough total of a half million men, with a heavily increased artillery arm, beside providing a defence for Formosa and the southern islands in anticipation of the Russian second Pacific squadron's attempt to seize a base. The port of Kelung, in Formosa, has been declared in a state of siege, and other positions in Formosa.

Disorders in Poland.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—While the new mobilization is proceeding quietly in most places, disorders are reported to have occured in Poland. The most serious disturbance was at Razonya, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme wounded. There has also been considerable rioting at Bakhout, where 6,000 conscripts pillaged a few houses and fruit stalls. No one, however, was killed.

The Emperor has his personal aides-de camp at all of the mobilization centers in order to see that everything possible is done for the reservists and conscripts and to obtain immediate reports at first hand of any disturbances.

A NEGRO CHURCH ATTACKED,

Preacher Shot and Will Die—Two Other Men Fatally Wounded—One of the Shooting Party Found Dead.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HANCEVILLE, ALA., Dec. 25.—While a negro congregation was holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stout's Mountain, a mining camp near here, a volley of shots was fired into the church from the outside. The Rev. Clay, the pastor, was shot through the hips and will die. Two other men were probably fatally wounded. The other negroes hurried out of the building and ran in every direction. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner, was found near the church with a revolver lying near by. It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party and was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett, a brother of the dead man, and Ted Blackwell, both white miners, have been arrested in connection with the affair.

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THE OUTBREAK IN SAMAR.

Gov. Wright Confirms Report of Disasters to Constabulary—Sending Reinforcements to Samar.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Taft to-day received a cable message from Governor Wright at Manilla, in response to his inquiry in regard to the recent uprising of the Pulajanes at Dolores, Samar. Gov. Wright's message is as follows:

"Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.—With reference to your telegram, 21st inst., I regret to say that Gen. Corbin's report of attack on and loss of detachments of scouts at Oras and Dolores, is correct. Pulajanes have of late left west and north sides of Samar and become active on east coast, which is practically without harbor and very difficult of access during prevalence of the existing monsoon. Orders were given some time since to strengthen all detachments on the east coast, but unfortunately this was delayed by wreck and loss of coast guard boat carrying a hundred or more of the constabulary. The men were saved but the delay in sending another coast guard boat to the rescue resulted in leaving these small detachments at Oras and Dolores isolated and the consequent loss. All east stations have been heavily reinforced and we are still sending men by my direction. General Allen (chief of constabulary) left here (Manila) two weeks since to take personal charge of affairs in Samar.

"I am still further reinforcing him with constabulary and am consulting with General Corbin who, if necessary, will aid us with troops.

(Signed) "WRIGHT."

MURDER AND ARSON.

Man Killed His Wife and Adopted Son and Burned His Home at Radford, Virginia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 26.—James Linkous, a Radford, Va., painter, was taken to Roanoke to-night to prevent lynching at the hands of infuriated citizens, after the coroner's inquest had returned a verdict that he murdered his wife and adopted son early Sunday morning and burned his home to remove evidence of the crime. It is charged that Linkous beat the brains of his victims out with a blunt instrument and then fired the building. When the building was burning briskly he gave an alarm. The town volunteer fire department turned out. Linkous' actions were suspicious and the hose was kept on Mrs. Linkous' sleeping room and her form was not badly burned. She was not recovered until yesterday morning and the body of the boy was not found until this afternoon in the debris in another part of the consumed house. Both had been killed before being smothered.

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 26.—James Linkous, a man held by the coroner's jury at Radford for the murder of his wife and adopted son, was brought here to-night by Sheriff McNeil and landed in Roanoke jail safe keeping.

COMEDY ROMANCE.

Theatre Goers to See Creston Clarke in Monsieur Beaucaire Thursday Night.

Judging from the extraordinary advance interest, the forthcoming engagement of Creston Clarke in "Monsieur Beaucaire," which is set down for Thursday night at the Academy of Music, promises to realize the most sanguine anticipations, Mr. Clarke has never failed to arouse pleasant expectations in whatever he has been associated with, yet his coming this time is filled with greater theatrical concern, inasmuch as the countless admirers of this extremely capable player seem to fancy him the ideal "Beaucaire" of Booth Tarkington's clever comedy-romance. The character as well as the play has the atmosphere to which Mr. Clarke's talents rightly belong, and those who recall his "Hamlet" and other brilliant achievements will be anxious to see him in something less serious and more picturesque. "Monsieur Beaucaire" will have a notably fine production here. The sale of seats will commence to-morrow.

FIRE ON STATEN ISLAND.

Chapel at Sailors' Snug Harbor Burned. Loss $75,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The beautiful chapel at Sailor's Snug Harbor, a home for indigent seamen, at New Brighton, Staten Island, was gutted by fire early to-day. The loss was $75,000. The chapel was a replica of St. Paul's, London, and it contained one of the finest and most expensive organs in the United States. The 800 old sailors in the Snug Harbor responded to a man to fight the fire though some fainted from over exertion.

WARM WIRELETS

The German legation at Tangiers, Morocco, has warned German subjects at Fez to prepare to leave at a moment's notice.

A special from Madison, Ga., says that Hon. Joel Abbott Billups, moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Georgia, died at his home there yesterday morning, aged 77.

The President has appointed W. Hall Harris postmaster at Baltimore. Mr. Harris succeeds S. Davies War field. Mr. Harris' name was laid before the President by Charles J. Bonaparte.

It is estimated that it cost Chicago more than $32,000,000 to celebrate Christmas this year. Never has money been expended so freely in celebrating a holiday in the history of the city.

The United States cruiser Atlanta has arrived at Newport News from Trinidad, joining the warships assembling there for the review which is to take place in Hampton Roads January 9th.

Mr. Russell, the American minister at Bogota, Colombia, has advised the State Department of the arrest in Bogota of three opposition members of the last Congress for circulating publications against the government.

Miss Marguerite Hyde ("Daisy") Leiter, the youngest daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter, of Chicago, was married yesterday to Henry Molyneaux Pagel Howard, the nineteenth earl of Suffolk and Berkshire. The ceremony occurred at the Leiter residence in Washington, D. C.

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, half hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

DR. CHADWICK'S EXTRADITION

Sheriff from Cleveland Met With Check in Plans—Found on Arrival at Albany His Papers Defective.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, Ohio, who expects to arrest Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, husband of Mrs. Chadwick, when he lands in New York, on the charge of forging the name of Andrew Carnegie, met a check in his plans to-day when he failed to obtain from Governor Odell the requisition papers necessary to permit the transportation of Dr. Chadwick to Ohio for trial. He called at the executive chamber in the capitol this morning, but was informed by Judge John T. Joyce, the governor's pardon and requisition clerk, that his papers were defective in that they failed to prove that Dr. Chadwick was in the State of Ohio on March 5th, 1903, when the alleged forgery was committed.

Previous to the call of the sheriff Governor Odell had asked Mr. Joyce to deliver the warrant for Dr. Chadwick's extradition if the applicant's papers were properly drafted.

When the sheriff learned that his proof was defective there was at first some talk of his returning in person to Ohio for the purpose of getting the corrections. After further consultation with Judge Joyce, he concluded to telegraph to have the necessary affidavit prepared and sent to him in New York. He said that this was a purely formal matter, and that affidavits could be promptly obtained showing that Dr. Chadwick was in Ohio on or about March 5th, 1903.

The Ohio sheriff left immediately afterward for New York where he will wait for Dr. Chadwick's steamer, which is expected Wednesday. He will consult New York city authorities regarding the best course of procedure. Before leaving, Sheriff Barry said that while he was disappointed at not obtaining the requisition warrant at this time the failure would not delay him to any appreciable extent.

CHINAMEN AROUSED.

Urging Attack on Russians in Shanghai Because of Murder by a Russian Sailor.

By Cable to the Morning Star

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—The Russian consul has made no reply to the demand of the Laotai for the surrender of the sailor belonging to the Russian cruiser Askold, who on December 15th murdered a Chinaman as a result of a dispute over payment for the hire of a jinricksha. The sailor is still on board the cruiser, where he was sent by the consul, and where it is understood he will be tried by court martial. The Ningpo community is becoming restive.

The murdered Chinaman was a native of Ningpo, an important treaty port one hundred miles south of Shanghai, and the Ningpo community at Shanghai is fifty thousand strong. As told in a dispatch from Shanghai December 15, the lower classes of this community were urging an attack on all Russians in Shanghai, but they were being restrained by the Ningpo Guild which was counselling patience pending the action of the Taotai.

THEIR THROATS CUT.

Two Mill Men Assaulted by Drunken Countrymen at Dublin, Ga.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MACON, GA., Dec. 26.—A special to the Telegraph from Dublin, Ga., says that a crowd of drunken countrymen assaulted N. S. West, a brother of the superintendent of the cotton mills, and Low Williams, the mill engineer, at the company's store. Both men had their throats cut and Mr. West's wounds are so serious that all hope of his recovery has been abandoned.

The four men who are responsible for the results of the affray were incarcerated. Soon afterwards a number of their friends called the sheriff from the jail and demandad that the prisoners be released. Instead of complying, the sheriff arrested two of the crowd.

CHRISTMAS AT FALL RIVER.

Tons of Food, Clothing and Other Supplies Distributed to the Suffering.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 26.—Every effort was made by the Salvation Army, the Associated Charities and benevolent societies in and outside of the city, to give the families of the striking cotton mill employes of this city a joyous Christmas. Tons of food, warm clothing and many little luxuries were distributed, yet tonight the Salvation Army leaders said that there was much actual suffering in the city which they could not relieve. Soup kitchens were open all day in various sections of the city. Three carloads of useful gifts came from Boston and materially assisted in the work of relief.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Wanted—By a young man, employment of some kind; have had three years experience in general merchandise store and willing to work. References given. Address "X," care MORNING STAR. dec 27 2t*

Wanted—Energetic, trustworthy man or woman to work in North Carolina, representing large manufacturing company. Salary $40 to $90 per month, paid weekly. Expenses advanced. Address with stamp J. H. Moore, Wilmington, N. C. dec 27 1t*

For Sale—South of Market, Eight Houses renting for $34 per Month. Price $2,500. North of Market, 2 houses and lots for $1,000. Apply to M. C. Darby & Co., Real Estate Agents, 114½ Princess street. de 25 tf

Wanted by January 1st, 1905, a Registered Druggist; also a young man who has been in the drug business and desires to secure a place where he can have opportunity to get experience in the business. Address P. O. Box 105, Wilmington, N. C., and state age and salary wanted. dec 23 3t

Call on A. S. Winstead for Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Irish Potatoes, and all kinds of country produce. A. S. Winstead, 213 Market street. Bell 'Phone 203. dec 22 tf

Mechanics' Home Association will open new series B. and L. stock Jan. 7th, 1905. Subscribe now. Nathaniel Jacobi, President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. dec 21 tf

Wines—Pure scuppernong wines, country made. Phone 949. J. B. Westbrook, corner Fourth and Bladen streets. tu we fr de 20 6t

For Rent—Desirable rooms with board, privilege of bath with hot and cold water. For terms apply at 7 Church St. bec 17 tf

We want to put a velvet collar on your Overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club. no 5 tf

Hello! Call phone No. 1132. D. A. Bowan, Practical Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Plumber and Gas Fitter, 215 Market St. no 26 3 m

Furnished rooms for rent. Hot and cold bath on same floor. Apply 213 Walnut street, two blocks from A. C. L. Station. nov 17 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 20 tf

STEAMSHIP COLORADO.

Vessel and Cargo Damaged by Fire to the Extent of $20,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The steamship Colorado, of Mallory Line, and part of the cargo were damaged by fire and water to-day to the extent of from $20,000 to $25,000, according to the estimates of the firemen. The Colorado arrived in port on Saturday from Brunswick, Ga., with a cargo of lumber, rosin and cotton. The fire was confined to the cotton. It is thought to have originated from spontaneous combustion.

Here Are Some Nice

Xmas Presents!

Canary Birds and Cages.

Nice Bottle Perfumery.

Comb and Brush.

Box Wileys' High Grade Candy.

Bottle Shepard's Lung Food.

Inspect our stock before you buy. Prices will suit you, at

JOS. C. SHEPARD'S

Pharmacy,

dec 18 tf 123 Market street.

Christmas Suggestions

Over-Gators,
Lambs Wool Soles,
Crochet Slippers,
Hunting Leggins,
Riding Leggins,
Little Boys Leggins,
Rubbers,
Babie's First Shoes,
Men's House Slippers,
Shoe Trees,
Silk Hosiery.

Solomon's Shoe Store.

9 and 11 So. Front St.

dec 18 tf

VACCINATE!

County, city and town Boards of Health have recommended and in some instances ordered vaccination as the ONLY safeguard against Smallpox, so prevalent in the Carolinas this early in Winter. We have just received by last night's Express

Glycerinized Lymph,
Glycerinized Glass Points,
Glycerinized Ivory Points,
Vaccination Shields.

(Adults and Children.)

Out of town orders filled by return mail. Prices to the trade.

ADOLPH G. AHRENS,

Phone 644. 107 Princess street. dec 20 tf

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OPEN EVENINGS.

Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery,

Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Dates,

Candy, Oranges.

Ready for your Xmas orders.

S. W. SANDERS.

dec 23 tf

ORANGES! ORANGES!

I have just received a cargo of fine sweet

West India Oranges,

which I am offering at extremely low prices. Good Baldwin Apples $1.93 per barrel. "Call early and avoid the rush."

A. S. WINSTEAD,

de 22 tf 213 Market street.

Bananas, Bananas.

Our second car load of fresh, fat Jamaicas will arrive to-day. Dealers 'phone in your orders at once and avoid delay. We will have prices to suit the trade. This car consists of large bunches and extra large fruit.

ERNEST F. HINES COMPANY.

(Strictly Wholesale Dealers.)

109, 111 North Water street, Wilmington, N. C.

Note—Mr. Keener Westbrook is with us and will look after the city trade. de 22 tf

We Cordially Invite

You to inspect our Holiday stock. We are showing a very complete assortment of high grade Perfumery, Celluloid Brushes and Combs and other toilet articles. There is nothing more appropriate for Holiday Gifts than choice perfumery. The lady who uses elegant perfumery secures an additional charm—because it is the unusual that attracts. Anticipating the pleasure of a call from those interested,

I remain, Yours respectfully,

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

P. S.—See window display. dec 16 tf

Did You Ever Drop In The Delmonico Cafe?

Opposite Postoffice. The coolest dining room in the city of Wilmington, N. C. Prompt service, cleanliness and attendance.

Steaks, Chops, Quail, Oysters.

Tables Reserved for the Ladies.

Our daily Menu is unsurpassed. Regular Dinners served from 12 to 2. 'Phone 907.

dec 11 tf

We Pay Your City Car Fare on Purchases Amounting to $2.00 and Over.

REHDER'S,

We Pay Transportation Charges on Out of Town Orders Amounting to $5 & over

WE GIVE PREMIUM PUNCH CARDS.

Extraordinary Display and Very Special Prices From Now Till Christmas.

A week more and the usual great Holiday rush will be over. You should come here to do your Christmas shopping. Special prices are offered. The assortments are the largest and most diversified. Then too we pay your car fare.

Some Things To Be Had Here

Handerchiefs, Gloves, Hose, Nurse Aprons, Underwear, Children's Fur Sets, Ladies' Sweaters, Umbrellas, Trble Linens, Towels, Embroiderled Collars, Fascinators, Women's Hats, Misses' Sailor Women's Shoes, Children's Shoes, House Slippers, Fleeced Soles, Waist Silks, Decorated China, Silver Novelties, Calendars, Christmas Cards, Gold Clocks,

Shaving Sets, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Bowls, Hair Brushes, Picture Frames, Tree Ornaments, Albums, Clothes Baskets, Men's Hats, Men's Caps, Men's Overcoats, Men's Suits Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Sweaters, Men's Sweaters, Men's Shoes, Fancy vests, Toys, Fireworks, Dolls, Vases, Guitars, Mandolines, Watches, Watch Fobs, Safety Razors.

Store open till 9 P. M. until Christmas. All goods delivered when you want them. Out of town orders given prompt attention.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 17 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth Streets

Cut.

Cut—which determines the "hang"—is the tell-tale of beauty and grace in an Overcoat; the touchstone that tests the skill of the maker. The least expensive Overcoat here shows accurate cut and tasteful tailoring. We've won leadership deservedly.

OVERCOATS	$10
OVERCOATS	$12
OVERCOATS	$15
OVERCOATS	$18
OVERCOATS	$20
OVERCOATS	$22.50

J. M. SOLKY & CO.

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 3 2t

XMASTIDE!

This season will be a pleasure if you let us furnish you with our

Duplin Sausage and Florida Grape Fruit

for your breakfast.

A NICE TURKEY,

Celery.
Cranberries,
Plum Pudding,
Fruit Cake,
Nuts and Raisins

for your Dinner, and our

Fancy Florida Oranges

and Sugar Pineapples direct from the planter for the evening.

With the compliments of the season.

Wilmington Grocery Co

Jno. L. Boatwright, Manager,

'Phone 14. dec 20 tf

Geo. W. Huggins,

JEWELER,

Market Street.

Gold Filled and Silver Watches, Diamonds, loose and mounted; Gold Signet Rings and Pins. Umbrellas, Silver and Gold. Sterling Silver Deposit Ware.

18 YEARS

WATCH INSPECTOR

Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.

Phone 455.

dec 11 tf

BRILLIANT & BEAUTIFUL

OUR DIAMOND JEWELRY

compares favorably in quality with the exhibitions of the metropolitan establishments.

Our Lines of Enameled Brooches Novelties in Silver and Gold. Our Art Glassware and China

have been replenished by packages received on Saturday. We solicit an early inspection of our Christmas stock which is brighter and better than ever.

GEORGE HONNET,

Jeweler and Silversmith,

dec 11 tf 12 North Front street.

Sporting Goods.

We now have a full stock of Breech-loading Guns of several standard manufactures. Loaded Shells of all kinds, Gun Cases, Leggings, Shooting Coats, Hats; in fact a full assortment of season goods in the above line. We can make attractive prices.

We are Agents for Hazard Powder and Tashan's Shot.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

u 27 tf Purcell Building.

ATLANTIC CAFE

XMAS PRICES

For this week only we quote as specials:

Superior California Port or Sherry Wine, per gallon $1.25; Velleso & Taft's Imported Port per gallon $2.95; Loretto & Co.'s Spanish Sherry per gallon $1.15; Our Country Club Rye per gallon $2.45; Old Nectar Rye, Kentucky Sour Mash, per gallon $3 38; Original Paul Jones Rye, 4 Star, per bottle 95c; Walters Baker's Rye per quart $1.25.

Monticello Virginia Claret, California Rhine Wine, Port or Sherry, } Three Bottles for $1.00.

We have about 30 000 Cigars of popular brands, which we will sell at close prices.

'Phone 111. dec 22 1W

GIESCHEN BROS., Prop.,

Opposite A. C. L. Depot

To Our Customers

We take this occasion to thank each and every one of our customers for their most liberal patronage during the year 1904. A continuance of same during the year 1905 will be much appreciated. Wishing you all a merry Xmas and most prosperous 1905.

We are

D. L. GORE CO.,

Wholesale Grocers and Importers,

dec 25 tf Wilmington, N. C.